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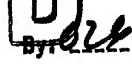
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1. The staff of the Soviet-controlled newspaper of the Cominform will be transferred soon from Bucharest to Budapest.* Half of the editorial staff is already reported to be in Budapest, and a request has been made for three members of the Austrian Communist Party (KPOe) to assist with editorial work. It is reported that Globus Verlag will assign KPOe member Fritz Porges** to one of these positions. Porges is an informant for the Central Committee of the KPOe, and he has also worked for the Soviets in Vienna. It is expected that Porges will be made a member of the Vienna Municipal Council after the election; he is not popular, however, with Soviet heads of the Oesterreichische Zeitung, who desire his transfer to Budapest. Porges originally worked on the Oesterreichische Zeitung, at which time he denounced some of his colleagues on the paper. He was transferred to the staff of Der Mahnruf, a Communist monthly publication for former concentration camp inmates, but was recently reassigned to the Oesterreichische Zeitung on instructions from Erwin Zucker-Schilling.
2. Relations between the Soviet officers and the Communist officials working together on the Oesterreichische Zeitung have not been good. At one time, Zucker-Schilling, Franz Marek, Magda Schorr-Dahlen, and other Communist officials allegedly requested Moscow to transfer the Soviet officers assigned to the paper. Relations have improved, however, since the arrival of the new Soviet High Commissioner, Lt. Gen. V. P. Sviridov.

*  Comment: This report has not been confirmed by any other source.

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